Demand of cellular operators

2357. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the recent mobile mess he has discussed various problems with basic and cellular operators;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether demands of the cellular operators have not been properly honoured and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the further plans envisaged to clear the mobile mess?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) Sir, a meeting, chaired by Minister of Communications and Information Technology, was held on 14.2.2003 with the stake holders of major Telecom Service sectors including Basic and Cellular Service Operators. Mainly, the Cellualar and Basic Service Operators presented their points of view with regard to the Limited Mobility Service using Wireless in Local Loop provided by the Basic Service Operators. Although, the matter is before the Statutory Tribunal, namely, the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal, a Committee consisting of the representatives of the concerned parties was constituted with a view to explore the possibility of amicable resolution of the differences.

Submarine cable landing stations

2358. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have declared Gujarat coast as security sensitive area in clause 13 of the guidelines for setting up of submarine cable landing station for international gateways of Internet;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has proposed

for review of the guidelines for setting up of submarine cable landing station; and

(c) by when Government would declare Gujarat as a permissible zone for setting up of submarine cable landing station of International gateways for Internet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Guidelines were announced by the Government in the year 2000 regarding International Gateways for Internet using Submarine Cable Medium. As per Clause 13 of the Guidelines for setting up of Submarine Cable Landing Stations for International Gateways for Internet, setting up of landing stations was not permitted in security sensitive areas including coastal areas of Gujarat.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) Government have already decided to permit setting up of International Gateways in security sensitive areas including submarine cable landing stations in security sensitive areas including coastal areas of Gujarat subject to setting up of appropriate monitoring equipments by the Security Agencies and appropriate charges to be paid by the licencees towards monitoring equipments or setting up of monitoring equipment.

C-Dot exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

2359. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to replace small telephone exchanges with C-Dot Exchanges in various divisions of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any time frame has been set to accomplish this task;

(c) whether Government have made any cost/benefit analysis for this replacement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?